



## **Youth Leadership Program with Algeria** **Educator/Community Leader Application**

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**Application Deadline:** April 30, 2012

**Program Description:** Secondary school students and educators from Algeria are invited to apply for participation in the Youth Leadership Program with Algeria. The four-week U.S.-based exchange program will take place in July/July 2012 and will focus on the primary themes of civic education, youth leadership development, respect for diversity, and community engagement, and the sub-theme of applied communications. Participants will engage in a variety of activities, such as workshops on leadership and service, community site visits related to the program themes, interactive training and discussion groups, small group work, presentations, local cultural activities, homestays with American families, and other activities.

The program will be intensive, academic, and highly interactive, and will provide the student and adult participants with a better understanding of civic participation and the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a democracy. The program sponsors seek energetic applicants who are ready to develop their skills in order to be effective leaders in their schools and communities.

Adult participants in this program take on a unique role as a participant role model and as an active program participant. We expect the adult participants to be fully engaged in program activities while serving as a liaison between youth participants and program staff, should problems arise.

**Adults who may apply are those who:**

- Work with youth
- Are community leaders
- Have good communication skills in English
- Intend to continue working with or for youth in their careers.

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**Instructions for completing this application:** Please fill out the application as completely as possible in English. The information you provide on this application will provide the basis for selecting semi-finalists for this program. Answer the questions carefully and completely.

Applications should be submitted to [PASAlgiersYouth@state.gov](mailto:PASAlgiersYouth@state.gov). Questions regarding the application and selection process should be addressed to [AmaroucheZ@state.gov](mailto:AmaroucheZ@state.gov).

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### **About you:**

Last (Family) Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Paste or staple a  
recent passport-size  
photograph here

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

City and Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Country of citizenship or permanent legal residence \_\_\_\_\_

### **About your education:**

Highest Degree/diploma earned; Date \_\_\_\_\_

School Name; Location \_\_\_\_\_

Have you studied English? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate below any additional languages you have studied, the number of years studied, and your interest in that language (use additional space as needed):

Language \_\_\_\_\_ Years Studied \_\_\_\_ Interest \_\_\_\_\_

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Language \_\_\_\_\_ Years Studied \_\_\_\_ Interest \_\_\_\_\_

**About your employment:**

Name of Employer/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal or Supervisor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_ How long at this job: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your specific job responsibilities? If a teacher, what subjects do you teach?

\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the activities (extracurricular, community, hobbies, clubs) in which you participate, how long you have been involved with each, any awards or honors. Use additional space as needed.

What kinds of programs, events, or activities have you participated in that serve or involve youth in your community? What did you do specifically?

Can you identify a specific issue or problem affecting your school, neighborhood, or community? What might you do to help resolve this problem?

### **Sample Questions**

*We suggest using three to five of these short essay questions (e.g., 1/3 to 1/2 page responses) in the written application; other questions may be used in the in-person interviews.*

- Why is participation in this program important to you?
- How will your participation in this program benefit your community?
- During this exchange, participants (both youth and adults) will act as ambassadors for their countries. How will you fulfill this role? What qualities does a good ambassador exhibit?
- What do you see as the qualities of a good leader? Describe someone you know personally who you admire as a good leader and explain why.
- Describe a challenge you have faced and how you overcame it.
- What word describes you best and why?
- Describe someone you know personally who you admire. Discuss the qualities that make this person so exceptional.
- Describe an ethical conflict you have experienced and how you resolved it.
- If you had the opportunity, what would you ask the leader of your country? Why?
- Have you ever made a decision that caused you to go against popular opinion? Describe that situation and the reasons for your decision.
- Describe a mistake you have made. What did it teach you?
- Discuss the most difficult criticism you have received. What did you learn from it?
- What has helped you become an effective leader? What leadership skills would you like to improve.
- Describe your best and worst qualities.
- Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

**More about you:**

Do you have a valid passport? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes: Issuing Country \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date (day/month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever lived and/or studied in the United States or in another country? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes: Where, when, why? \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Applicant:**

All information in this application is accurate and true

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### Reference

**For the Applicant:** Below, fill in your name and give this form to a supervisor or colleague outside your family who knows you well. The form needs to be in English. Ask the reference to fill out the form and return it to PASAlgiersYouth@state.gov.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

**For the Reference:** The person named above is applying to take part in a four-week Youth Leadership Program in the United States for students and teachers from Algeria. The selected participants will be in a challenging academic environment and intensive leadership training. To succeed, the participants must be highly motivated, and be able to adjust to living and working with people of different social and cultural backgrounds. We value your honest assessment of the applicant in helping us select the most appropriate participants. If you would like to add additional comments, we encourage you to do so. Your answers will remain confidential.

Please indicate your opinion of this applicant's ability to meet the challenges of this program

- \_\_\_\_\_ I strongly recommend this applicant
- \_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this applicant
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have minor reservations about recommending this applicant
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have major reservations about recommending this applicant
- \_\_\_\_\_ I do not recommend this applicant

How long, and in what context, have you known this applicant?

What are the applicant's strengths?

What are the academic or personal areas in which this applicant needs more development?

Please describe the applicant's behavior with respect to authority, peer relationships, and activities.

Do you think the applicant would adapt well to unfamiliar environments and new situations? Why or why not?

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_